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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Thomas Coleman, CEO
International Matex Tank Terminal
1145 Fourth Street
Harvey, LA 70058

Dear Mr. Coleman:

This letter is to inform you of deviations from the Interstate Conveyance Sanitation Regulations (Title 21, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 1250), observed by a U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) investigator, during an inspection of your firm, International Matex Tank Terminal, 5450 River Road, Avondale, Louisiana 90094, conducted on March 4, 1997.

Discrepancies noted during the inspection of this vessel watering point included the following:

- 1) Potable hydrant not identified for its intended use;
- 2) No cap and keeper chain on water hydrant outlet;
- 3) Opening on water hose not protected when not in use.

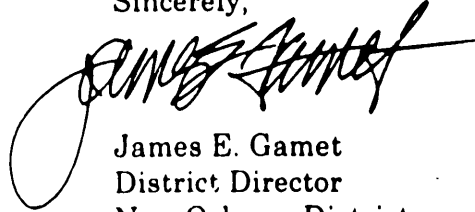
Accordingly, we are classifying this watering point as PROVISIONAL for interstate carrier use for a period of thirty days. "Provisional" classification means that the watering point may continue to operate; however, significant corrections of deficiencies must be made by the expiration date. On or about that date, a reinspection of this facility will be conducted to assure that corrections meet FDA requirements.

If significant corrections are not made, the vessel watering point will be reclassified as "Not Approved" for carrier use.

Please advise this office in writing, within ten (10) days, of actions you have taken to correct the deficiencies, and to assure that such violations will not recur. Your response

should be directed to Carolyn S. Olsen, Compliance Officer, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 4298 Elysian Fields Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70122-3843.

Sincerely,



James E. Gamet
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cc: Mr. Brook T. deBuys, Terminal Manager
International Matex Tank Terminal
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